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1. SUMMARY: USUN CONTINUES TO ARGUE THAT THE GENEVA POST SHOULD BE HELD BY A U.S. NATIONAL AND THAT, IF NECESSARY, THE TRADE OFF BE ALLOCATION OF THE YET TO BE UPGRADED NEW YORK LIAISON POST TO ANOTHER NATIONAL. END SUMMARY.

2. USUN WISHES TO REGISTER STRONG RESERVATION TO THE TOLBA THESIS THAT DIRECTORS OF UNEP REGIONAL OFFICES SHOULD PERFORCE BE NATIONALS OF THE REGION. USG HAS STEADFASTLY OPPOSED THIS CONCEPT IN OTHER FORA AND HAS WAGED STRONG OPPOSITION TO EFFORTS TO INITIATE THIS PRINCIPLE WITHIN UNDP. THESIS AN UNHEALTHY PRACTICE WHICH MAY DISCRIMINATE AGAINST BETTER QUALIFIED PERSONNEL AND CERTAINLY OPENS THE DOOR TO PRESSURE POLITICS OF AN UNDESIRABLE NATURE WITH RESPECT TO MANY FACETS OF
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ADMINISTRATION, PROGRAMMING AND EVALUATION. WE THEREFORE WOULD URGE THAT THE DEPARTMENT REAFFIRM OUR LONGSTANDING POSITION AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE.

3. CONSISTENT WITH THIS USUN POSITION WE WOULD THEREFORE PROPOSE THAT (A) THE GENEVA POSITION CONTINUE TO BE HELD BY AN AMERICAN, PARTICULARLY INsofar AS THE GENEVA OFFICE

ENGAGES ITSELF IN PROJECTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH EXTEND BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL EUROPEAN GEOGRAPHICAL AREA AND WHERE WE ARE QUITE CERTAIN THERE ARE AMERICANS WHO HAVE LONGSTANDING AND RECOGNIZED CAPABILITIES COMPATIBLE WITH, IF NOT SUPERIOR TO, THOSE OF THE PROBABLE SCANDIAVIAN ASPIRANTS FOR THE GENEVA POST. BY THE SAME TOKEN, WE WOULD THEREFORE PERCEIVE OF NO REASON WHY DIR. TOLBA SHOULD NOT APPOINT A EUROPEAN OR OTHER NATIONAL TO THE UPGRADED NEW YORK OFFICE IF AND WHEN THAT RESHUFLING TAKES PLACE. (IN OUR VIEW TOLBA IS LIKELY TO HAVE DIFFICULTY IN UPGRADING UNEP NY OFFICE WITHIN NEXT YEAR OR TWO.) OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LIAISON OFFICERS POSTED AT NEW YORK ON BEHALF OF AGENCIES WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM, THERE ARE PRESENTLY ONLY TWO U.S. NATIONALS (FAO AND UNESCO), BOTH OF WHOM MAY BE REPLACED SHORTLY BY NON-U.S. CITIZENS.

4. ON THE BASIS OF EXPERIENCE WITH A NUMBER AND VARIETY OF AGENCIES AND COUNTRIES SERVICED BY GENEVA, WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TEND TO BE MUCH MORE RESPONSIVE TO REPRESENTATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS HANDLED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MAJOR POWERS, PARTICULARLY THE U.S., AND THAT SCANDINAVIANS OF THE LEVEL CONTEMPORATED BY TOLBA HAVE NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL IN THOSE LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS. IN RECENT TIME WE CALL THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT TO THE FRUITLESS EFFORTS OF SUCH NATIONALS TO MAKE AN IMPRESS UPON THE NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY ISSUE, THE EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF UNDP RESREP OFFICES IN EASTERN EUROPE, THE RELATIVE LACK OF SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE EEC'S AND NORTH AFRICAN STATES. WE CAN CITE CHAPTER AND VERSE IN WHICH THE OVERTURES AND EFFORTS OF SOME SMALL POWER REPRESENTATIVES HAVE NOT BEEN TAKEN SERIOUSLY OPERATING AS PRINCIPAL LIAISON TYPES FROM GENEVA. WE BY NO MEANS SUGGEST THAT THIS SAME SITUATION PERTAINS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN POLITICAL REPRESENTATIONS WHERE THE SAME SMALL POWERS HAVE AN ACCEPTABLE TRACK RECORD.

5. IN SUM, WE STRONGLY URGE THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR A U.S. NATIONAL IN THE GENEVA POST AND THAT THE ARGUMENTATION AVAILABLE TO US BE PRIVATELY DRIVEN HOME TO TOLBA. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT OUR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE RECEPTIVITY TO INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS FOR UNEP WILL NOT BE ENHANCED BY OUR ACQUIESCENCE IN THE LOSS OF THE GENEVA POST.
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